

COMMITTEE WILL REPLY TO MAYOR

Announcement That It Will Issue "Hot" Statement to Public.

BREACH WIDENS IN CITY GOVERNMENT

Captain McCarthy and Alderman Have Tilt Over Telephone. What Happened at the Committee Session. Discussion of Speech.

ISSUE STATEMENT EARLY NEXT WEEK

"The Finance Committee will meet early next week and will set the public know through a formal statement exactly what took place in the Finance Committee between the members and the Mayor. Our side will put quite a different phase on the proposition, and then the public will understand. I do not know that we will do more than make the formal statement. Indeed, I am of opinion that we will not. But the statement will be made, and made early next week, and we are not going to keep back anything."—Statement made last night by prominent member of Finance Committee, who is opposing Mayor.

The speech of Mayor McCarthy at the T. P. A. rooms on Thursday night has further widened the breach between the executive head of the city government and certain members of the Council, which began in the Finance Committee recently, and which was extended by the Mayor's speech at the Mechanics' Institute, and the construction or mis-construction placed upon it by some of his hearers. The reply of Mr. Pollard at the Council meeting Thursday night to Captain McCarthy's financial arguments was but an expression of that growing feeling of resentment on his part of statements by the Mayor. Whether Mr. Pollard's attitude was in any way aggravated by the occurrence in the Finance Committee recently in which the Mayor, Auditor and Treasurer were present, is not positively known.

The combination of the Marshall and Jackson Ward delegations in this Council meeting is generally attributed to a feeling on the part of members that the Mayor was hostile to that section, an impression which is wholly erroneous. The Mayor, it is said, has no other known pretext, unless some of them opposed specific items in the budget, and opposition developed only two, and chiefly to the appropriation for the Blues' army. The failure of the budget to provide for any extraordinary expenditures for the East End partially accounts for the feeling on the westward growth of cities, and his expression of a desire to see Monument Avenue extended to the Rosemeath Road, and a guarded and handsomely approved, unquestionably aroused the East End members.

But the breach between representatives of the two co-ordinate departments of the government, whatever its origin, was greatly emphasized by the address of the Mayor at the Travelers' Protective Association headquarters and the published reports thereof. Members of both branches of the Council, in friendly rivalry, and indulged in many expressions of indignation, criticism and condemnation of the speech, and a general discussion of recent incidents in committee, whose sessions and street-corner conferences pushed themselves into a fury in the forenoon, but nothing worse than talk was indulged in.

Incidentally certain transactions in the Finance Committee, which were rehearsed, and certain members were disposed to accuse the Mayor of having usurped authority and done various things which he ought not to have done, both of the incidents of the morning was a colloquy by phone between the Mayor and a member of the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor asked the proof of the fact that the Alderman printed copies of his Mechanics' Institute speech, which he wished to read for revision, such as is given all similar documents. The Alderman replied that this printed report of the speech belonged to the Council, and that only that body had authority to permit the Mayor to revise it.

The Mayor returned by asking what authority the Alderman had, then, to secure a copy of the speech from the stenographer and to have more copies printed therefrom, if only the Council or permit its revision. It is further asserted that the copy secured by the Alderman was turned over to Mr. Pollard, who used the figures and statements therein as the basis of his reply. The matter ended by the Mayor's getting the copy of the speech and the printed proof, in which he says he found transpositions which destroyed his sense and which had to be corrected.

Incident in Committee. Another matter which has figured in the informal discussions and reports of the Mayor, given out of a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, specifically the subjects discussed at that meeting were the act of the Mayor in advising that certain misprinted pages be burned, and the fact that the Auditor, acting under general instructions of the Finance Committee, had sold certain bonds for 100, whereas the sinking fund Commission had bid bid for the entire lot. There was a disposition on the part of some to claim that the Mayor had been at least partially responsible for this, and others undertook to charge him with chief responsibility for it. As

THIEF AFTER EVANS PAPERS

Tried to Enter His Bedroom While Doctor Was at Dinner.

JEROME TIRES JUDGE FITZGERALD

War of Words Continues Between Witness and District Attorney—Thaw Leaves Court-Room to Engage in Athletic Exercise.

Free in Two Weeks, Says Harry K. Thaw

I am perfectly satisfied with the way the trial is progressing and feel sure I will be a free man in two weeks. HARRY K. THAW.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, March 1.—When Dr. Britton D. Evans, insanity expert for the defense, went to lunch with Harry K. Thaw's lawyers this afternoon, he told them of an unsuccessful attempt of a stranger to enter his room at the Hotel Belmont at the dinner hour last night. "I was dining with Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wagner," Dr. Evans said, "in the restaurant of the hotel, when the private detective employed there told me that a man had tried to get into my room on the sixteenth floor. I immediately left the table, and upon reaching the floor found the chambermaid greatly excited. She said that a tall, dark man, dressed in a black suit, had gone to my room a few minutes after I went downstairs and had tried to get in. When he found the door locked, he insisted upon the chambermaid opening it, saying I had sent him to get some papers. He was apparently cognizant of my movements, as he told the maid where I was and with whom I was dining. When she questioned him further, however, he refused to say anything more, but demanded angrily that she open the door. "She refused, and sent for the hotel detective. When he arrived, the man had disappeared. It looks to me like a bold attempt on the part of somebody to steal my papers but why, I cannot imagine."

HEARD WHITE SAY HE WOULD KILL THAW

Post-Office Clerk Now in Florida Says He Heard White Make Threat.

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 1.—Daniel Cannon, a clerk in the local post office, appeared before United States District Attorney Shepherd to-day and stated that he was a witness to the tragedy on the Madison Square Roof Garden in New York, when Harry K. Thaw killed Stanford White. Cannon declares that two nights before the tragedy he overheard White in a New York restaurant say that he would kill Thaw on sight. Cannon wants to go to New York and testify for Thaw.

JEROME STILL ON INSANITY TRACK

Is Laying Grounds for a Request for Insanity Commission.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The insanity of adolescents, paranoia and the character of "thin storms" occupied both sessions of the Thaw trial to-day, and when adjournment until Monday morning was ordered, Dr. Britton D. Evans, one of the alienists for the defense, was still under cross-examination. District Attorney Jerome's course in questioning the witness was somewhat baffling. During the greater part of the time he seemed desirous to have the expert explain why he thought that Thaw suffered from paranoia, which is practically incurable. Again he brought from the witness the opinion that when Thaw armed himself, he well knew that a revolver was an instrument for self-protection, and when fired into a human body would produce death. Finally the prosecutor wanted to know if the actions of a person suffering from a brain storm, or mental explosion, would be characterized by the calm, deliberate manner which Thaw displayed the night he shot Stanford White to death on the Madison Square Roof Garden.

Jerome for "Insanity." The net result of the day appeared to be that Mr. Jerome is still laying the foundation upon which he may ask for a commission in lunacy to judge of the present mental condition of the defendant. Even to the extent of greatly arguing the judge and jury, the district attorney dwelt upon the subject of adolescent insanity and paranoia, endeavoring to establish a relationship between the two, and was at last rewarded by Dr. Evans admitting that the defendant's will and conduct will did suggest to his mind a



MAYOR M'CARTHY'S VIEW OF FATHER BYRD.

SOUTHERN ROADS TO INCREASE RATE

It Is Said That a Demand of Ten Per Cent. Will Be Made.

FIVE PER CENT. IN NORTH

Compromise Will Probably Be Made by Means of Sliding Scale.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 1.—It was learned here to-day that on last Saturday there was held in New York a meeting of the Trunk Lines Association, as a result of which many contracts usually made April 1st, will be held up pending a proposed rearrangement of freight rates. It is understood that at the meeting in question the Southern roads united in a demand that the freight rates be advanced 10 per cent, throughout, the increase of 5 per cent, of the latter and for a 5 per cent, increase now, with a sliding scale that will bring the rates up 10 per cent, within six months or a year. Many important contracts, the terms of which depend in large measure on freight rates which are usually made April 1 are being held up pending the final disposition of the matter, as in order to make the proposed new rates operative April 1st, they would have to be announced to-morrow. It is said to be probable that another meeting of the Trunk Lines Association will be held March 10th, at which the matter will be definitely decided.

HORSE LIES DOWN IN CREEK; YOUNG LADIES WADE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SCOTTSVILLE, VA., March 1.—While the Misses Jones of Belmont, who attended the High School here, were returning to Scottsville from their home one day this week, the horse they were driving collapsed and lay flat down in a creek which they were crossing. Both the ladies and their father, who accompanied them, were obliged to get out in the water, which was icy cold and quite deep, the creek being swollen from recent rains and snow. It was found that the animal's collar, which was too tight, was choking him, and this caused the mishap. Mr. Jones was in danger of drowning while he rescued the unfortunate beast, but finally succeeded, and went to a horse nearby for dry clothing. The daughters continued on their way to Scottsville, and after a hasty change of raiment appeared at school none the worse for the accident.

CROSSES OCEAN TO WED HER LOVER

Pretty Little German Maid Braves Atlantic Storms to Reach Her Sweetheart.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., March 1.—Miss Annie Appel, a pretty little German maid, braved the dangers of travel from the Fatherland to Portsmouth, Va., to marry the man of her choice, Frank Wehner, whom she had known in her childhood in the old country. Met at the wharf by her betrothed, they went immediately to the clerk's office to secure a marriage license, and a messenger was dispatched for a minister, Rev. J. N. Latham, pastor of Mount Zion Church, who responded. Neither bride nor groom could speak English, and the ceremony was conducted through an interpreter, but none the less happily.

MRS. EDDY'S SON INSTITUTES SUIT

Wants to Know How His Mother's Estate Is Being Administered.

BILL ASKS FOR RESTITUTION

Says He Is Not Fighting Christian Scientists, But Mother Is Not Mentally Strong.

CONCORD, N. H., March 1.—A bill in equity to secure an accounting of the financial affairs of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, was filed in the Superior Court for Merrimack county to-day by Mrs. Eddy's son, George W. Glover, of Deadwood, S. D., and his daughter, Miss Mary Baker Glover, and George W. Baker, of Bangor, Maine, nephew and "next friend" of Mrs. Eddy. The bill is directed against Alfred Parlow and other trustees of the Christian Science Church, in Boston, and Calvin A. Frye, Mrs. Eddy's secretary; Lewis C. Strang, her assistant secretary, and Herman S. Herring, first reader of the church in Concord, New Hampshire. Besides demanding an accounting of all transactions in connection with Mrs. Eddy's affairs, the bill asks for restitution in case any wrong-doing appears, for an injunction during litigation against interference with her property and business and for a receiver.

In a statement issued by former United States Senator William O. Chandler, special counsel in the action, it is declared that Mr. Glover is actuated by no spirit of disrespect to his mother, but believes that the proceeding is in her real interest. Mr. Glover says that the action is not directed against the religion of Christian Scientists.

The statement further declares that Mr. Glover had long thought his mother was growing too feeble in body and mind to attend to important business matters, but that for a long time he was unable to confirm this suspicion because these immediately about her seemed unwilling to allow even her nearest relatives to have an interview long enough to reveal her actual condition.

Early in January it is stated that Mr. Glover, during a visit to Concord was enabled to talk with his mother for three-quarters of an hour, and as a result, after due consideration he decided upon the present action "as an imperative duty too long neglected."

When an Associated Press reporter went to Pleasant View, the home of Mrs. Eddy, to-night, he was received by Lewis C. Strang, her assistant secretary. Mr. Strang expressed surprise when the proceedings instituted to-day were outlined to him. He declared that this was the first he had heard of the matter, and that, therefore, he had nothing to say. Mr. Strang said that it would be impossible to interview Mrs. Eddy or Secretary Frye to-night.

\$101 DAMAGES AWARDED FOR LOSS OF HIS WHISKERS

WELLSTON, O., March 1.—Samuel Beatty, seventy-six years old, was today awarded by the Circuit Court \$101 damages against the Southern Gas Company for his loss of a luxuriant growth of whiskers burned off in a gas explosion in this city two years ago. E. S. Gilliland received \$8,000 for injuries received in the same explosion.

DUTCH MAIL STEAMER WENT ASHORE; NO CASUALTIES

FLUSHING, HOLLAND, March 1.—The Dutch mail steamer Konings Wilhelmina, from Queenborough, England, went ashore this morning during a thick fog on a dyke eastward of the entrance of the harbor. The passengers and mails were landed. The steamer got off at high water without having sustained any damage.

OLIVER MAY BRING SUIT

Says He Will Do Nothing Until Judge O'Brien Reaches Washington.

HAS PREPARED STATEMENT

Accepted His Certified Check Which He Had Filed With His Bids.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—William J. Oliver, Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., to-day called at the offices of the Isthmian Canal Commission and received from Mr. Rogers, the commission's counsel, a certified check for \$200,000 which was submitted at the time Mr. Oliver presented his bid for constructing the Panama Canal on a percentage basis. Mr. Oliver left the building without making any complaint or lodging any protest against the action of the President in rejecting the proposals for constructing the canal. Mr. Oliver stated that pending the arrival in Washington of his counsel, Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, of New York, who is now on his way here, he would withhold from publication the statement that he intended to give out. He also intimated it was possible he would find some way of bringing legal action against the government to recompense him for the loss he has sustained in connection with the preparation of his bids.

CORONA ON THE ROCKS; WILL BE A TOTAL LOSS

EUREKA, CAL., March 1.—The steamer Corona, bound for San Francisco, was wrecked to-day on the rocks of Humboldt to-day. An Associated Press reporter who has returned from the wreck says the steamer Corona is straddling the north jetty, and will go to pieces in a few days. One sailor was drowned while trying to land on an oar. It is believed that another life was lost, but this is not certain. It is said the ship was off her course.

NICARAGUANS WIN BATTLE; CAPTURE TOWNS

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, March 1.—The Nicaraguan government forces have captured without resistance the Honduran towns of Concepcion and Maricao. They are in possession of the town of Corpus Christi after hard fighting. No details of the engagement at the last named town have been received here.

LADY WANDERS OFF AND IS DROWNED

Grip Had Affected Her Mind. Tracked by Barefootprints to River.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLOUSTON, VA., March 1.—A most distressing accident occurred here yesterday. Mrs. Ella Lester, sister-in-law of W. P. Shapard, sheriff of this county, came here a few days ago on a visit to her sister, but recently recovered by this subvention for carrying mail, which seemed to affect her mind, and a physician, called in by Mr. Shapard, had advised that she be sent to a hospital. Her condition was not considered such, however, as to demand immediate action. On Tuesday night she retired at the usual time. Mr. Shapard's little daughter was sleeping with her, and she was not missed from her room until early Wednesday morning. The poor woman was tracked by the steps of her bare feet in the muddy roads to Banister River near the town, and her dead body was found lodged on a raft in the river, a short distance below the bridge. It is generally supposed to be a case of accidental drowning, and not suicide. She was buried here to-day, Rev. J. M. Luck and Rev. C. A. Woodson conducting the service.

BATTLE ROYAL ON SUBSIDY BILL

Not in Years Had There Been Such a Party Fight in House.

THE BILL WAS A COMPROMISE

Only Four Lines Will Secure Bounty and Ships Must Have Speed of 16 Knots.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—It has been years since the House was the scene of so royal a battle between the two great parties as it witnessed to-day over the ship-subsidy bill. The bill was passed, but not until after it had been once defeated, and this fact in itself shows how close the alignment was when the first vote disclosed a majority against the measure, the Democrats and their Republican allies made the House ring with their cheers. There were several roll-calls before the final favorable result was secured. The vote on the Littauer substitute was defeated—155 to 159—and the vote to reconsider the first vote was adopted—161 to 154. Then there were other votes, but immediately after the first ballot deserting began, and on the final vote to pass the bill as amended, the work done by the Republican leaders during the height of the battle was made manifest. The bill was passed 155 to 114.

Insurgent Republicans

Fifty-two Republicans voted with the Democrats on the first roll call. On the vote of Mr. Williams to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, fifty Republicans voted with the Democrats. On the vote to adopt the substitute, there were forty-three Republican "insurgents," and on its final passage, there were forty-one. Only four steamship lines are to be subsidized under the measure in its final form finally agreed upon, and all of these are to sail for South American ports. One of the lines is to be from the Atlantic coast to Brazil; a second is to be from the Atlantic coast to Argentina, and the third Atlantic line is to be between the Gulf of Mexico and Brazil. The fourth line is to be from the Pacific coast to the Isthmus of Panama, Peru and Chile.

Only Ships of Sixteen Knots.

The annual subsidy for each of these lines is to be \$300,000 for a monthly mail service, or \$600,000 for a fortnightly service, excepting the Argentine line, which is to have \$100,000 for a monthly service, or \$800,000 for a fortnightly service. No American cities are named as the ports from which any of the lines are to start, and the bill is so worded that the lines in the Pacific to South America can touch at any number of ports in the United States. The same is true case of the Atlantic lines. It is provided that all the vessels profiting by this subvention for carrying mail must have a speed of not less than sixteen knots, and it has been repeatedly stated on the floor of the House that no ships now engaged in the South American trade can make any such speed.

Cut Out the Orient.

When the bill was taken up at the beginning of the day, the amendment presented by Mr. Townsend, of Michigan, striking out the steamship line from Pacific coast ports to Hawaii, Japan and the Philippines, was pending. Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, opened the debate. He took a position against the amendment and favorable to the (Continued on Third Page.)

COUNSEL MAKES INSANITY PLEA FOR STROTHERS

Defense Springs Surprise and Asks Hypothetical Question.

COURT'S RULING FOR THE DEFENSE

Decision to Admit Question When Finally Agreed Upon by Defense Regarded as Victory for Brothers. Legal Ground for Acquittal.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS

CULPEPER, VA., March 1.—The trial of the Strothers boys for killing William F. Bywaters came near coming to a dead stop to-day, so little progress was made. The surprise sprung by the defense in undertaking to establish emotional insanity as a plea in acquittal a few moments after court convened this morning for the defense, admitted to Dr. Charles H. Clarke, an alienist from the government Hospital for the Insane in Washington, a lengthy hypothetical question, involving the facts which defense claim have been proven, concluding with a direct question as to how the expert would characterize the homicide. The prompt objection of the prosecution, based upon the ground that the evidence did not support statements of alleged facts in the question, caused the court to order that the jury be withdrawn when argument began upon the statement of the question.

Not Laid Ground for Introduction of Evidence.

The prosecution contended with much vigor that the defense had not laid ground for the introduction of testimony to prove the mental unsoundness of the Strothers when they committed the homicide. It was contended that in order to set up a plea of that character it must be shown that the defendants were of sane mind at the time of the homicide. Mr. Keith made an able argument against the introduction of the plea of emotional insanity or irresistible impulses, the doctor, however, generally defended on these subjects also, making a most lucid and forcible argument against the doctrine, as well as against certain statements recited in the question as given by Mr. Lee, Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Moore presented the side of the defense.

It was asserted that ground for the plea had been laid in the opening statement of the trial by Mr. Jeffries, although the prosecution contends that the statement did not show that the defense might make such plea. Judge Harrison decided that a question framed in the defense in the first instance might be admitted, but told counsel to try to get together and have the testimony concerning such things as had been testified to.

Consumes Whole Day in Effort to Agree.

Efforts to reach an agreement of this character consumed all day. It is probable that the trial will not be resumed to-morrow. But Captain Woods, who has been Commonwealth's Attorney of Albemarle for thirty-seven years, remarked to-night that it is a question has been propounded to witness as soon as court convened in the morning, and at nightfall the court had been adjourned, although the trial was still on.

Judge Harrison took a full out of the much-discussed "unwritten law" to-day, declaring that cross-examination could justify any man in taking the law into his own hands and righting his wrongs. The law exists for just such purpose. The statement was interesting chiefly because of being discussed to such great extent, but it did not lay down any new principle. The courts do not recognize such law, but do not deny that the jurors, presuming to judge by the law, are bound to make circumstances as well as a plea of insanity, and that the testimony of the alienist will probably consume all of to-morrow. The probably consume all of to-morrow. The probably consume all of to-morrow. The probably consume all of to-morrow.

Not Likely to Reach Jury Before Wednesday.

It would not be surprising if the case did not reach the jury before the middle of next week.

A marriage in "court" circles created a diversion to-day from the tiresome grind of the trial. Miss Helen L. Johnson, one of the best known young ladies of Culpeper, and Bots Strother, of Welch, who came here to attend the trial of the Rev. Mr. Ware, of the Episcopal Church. The pair left on the afternoon train for Washington, where they will spend several days before returning to the home of the groom. The couple were not engaged when Mr. Strother returned here a week ago.

The decision of the court in admitting the questions designed to establish the plea of emotional insanity is undoubtedly very favorable to the defense. It will allow the jury to acquit on that ground, instead of under the unwritten law, that is believed that the prosecution will ask for a verdict of manslaughter, and that the defense wished to "head off" the